

NEW-YORK DAILY TRIBUNE, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1874.—TRIPLE SHEET.

OBITUARY.

LIEUT.-COMMANDER WILLIAM H. CUSHING.

Lieut.-Commander William B. Cushing of the United States Navy died on Thursday at the Government Infirmary Hospital, near Washington, to which he had been removed a few days ago for treatment. This gallant officer, renowned during the war for his daring exploits, was born in Wisconsin in 1814 or 1815, and was appointed in 1837 from this State an acting midshipman at the Naval Academy, where he remained until the year following, when he resigned. At the general call to arms in 1861 he reentered the naval service as acting officer, and in July, 1862, received his commission as lieutenant. He performed many brilliant exploits, and was deservedly promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Commander on Oct. 22, 1862. Since the close of the war he had served with the Pacific and Asiatic Squadrons, being in command of the steamer Lancaster in 1867, and of the Maine in 1869. An excellent article in *Harper's Magazine* for July last gives many interesting details of the gallant seaman's career. Regarding his first services during the war:

Mitchellton Crooking sailed from Boston in the frigate Missouri, and reached Hampton Roads in May, 1861, when she was 37 years old, but fully determined now playing a great part in the great events to come. The Commodore, the Quaker City, and the Monitor were engaged in the battle of Fort Sumter, when she came up to the Monitor, and the ironclad took her in tow, and so she got glass of the requisite quality for a lens designed to be larger than that in the great telescope at Washington.

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It is stated that Father Beale, the general of the Jesuits, has requested the Pope not to nominate at the coming Consistory any Jesuit as a cardinal, the Jesuits being anxious at the time of his not to appear in any way prominently before the world.

Prof. Simon Newcomb, who has been requested by the trustees of the Lick Fund to make in vestigation of the cost of a great refracting telescope for the California University, expects to sail for Europe soon, and while there to visit the glass factories of Birmingham and Paris to find where he can get glass of the requisite quality for a lens designed to be larger than that in the great telescope at Washington.

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POLITICAL NOTES.

This is the delicate way in which The Hartford Post hints at the formation of a new party: "If the mett of all parties who accept the doctrine of the President on the financial question could be got to act together they would make up an immense majority in the country."

The Buffalo Courier differs from the Late Tribune report that Marion H. Brown of The Syracuse Courier seemed to be ahead of both Hiram Calkins and Lyman B. Smith of Buffalo in the canvass for the Assemblyanship. It warmly advices Mr. Smith—*in silvocroce* in which it is heartily acclaimed by The Buffalo Post:

Vermont has had the reputation of being the breeding place of many sons, but if The Rutland Globe is correct the same soil has produced several men of the other sort. It says: "Matt Carpenter is a Vermonter, we are sorry to say, but we also reckon among our sons such distinguished names as William Pitt Kellogg, the *de facto* Governor of Louisiana; Jos. Smith Brigham, a man, and a host of others who have left their native State for Virginia's sake. It is remarkable to see how many of them, and others, like themselves, while residing under the shadows of our mountains, when, however, they emigrated, they all acquired 'comfortable competencies' and a reputation not at all savorious."

MUSIC.

Anton Rubinstein has completed a new symphony (No. 4) in D-minor, a new piano concerto (No. 5) in E flat, and a new violin-concerto (No. 9) in D minor, all of which works are shortly to be published by Barthold Seidl of Leipzig.

The Oratorio Society will give its promised performance of "The Messiah" on Christmas night at Steinway Hall, co-operating on this occasion with the Handel and Haydn Society of Brooklyn. The performances are to be given at 8 o'clock on Dec. 24.

Our friends will give a remarkably strong and effective chorus. The solo parts have been intrusted to Miss Abby Wagner, Miss Faxon, Mr. George Simpson, and Mr. Stoddard. The solo violin parts are intrusted to Miss Faxon, and Mr. Stoddard is to sing in counter. Miss Faxon and Mr. Stoddard are both from Brooklyn, and we understand that Dr. Damrosch entertains a very high opinion of their voices. Of Mr. Simpson it is of course unnecessary to say anything.

INDIAN HOSTILITIES.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 13.—Gen. Ord has received the following dispatch from Beaver, Utah, which was received by the commandant at that post yesterday:

POOCHE, Neb., Dec. 12.

Indians have killed several persons in this country, near Hick's and Muddy. We have no arms and ask for troops for our protection, and that the Indians be punished.

Pooche being in Gen. Schuyler's department, Gen. Ord informed him of the trouble, and ordered to send troops from Fort Carson to the assistance of the settlers. Gen. Schuyler so requested, and two companies of infantry are now under marching orders for Pooche.

THE PLYMOUTH CHURCH PRAYER MEETING.

At the regular Friday evening prayer meeting at Plymouth Church, last evening, Mr. Beecher explained the passage in one of the Epistles of Paul. "Do all things without murmuring and disputations, that ye may be blameless and harmless and seek God without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation; among whom ye shine as lights in the world." This murmuring, he said, does not of course exclude a cheerful and manly interchange of thrusting and parrying in the way of argument, which is born wholesome for the understanding sometimes and for the spirits themselves.

We are not to wait such a rear of collision as shall make us narrow, timid, and ill at ease, but we are to be bold, but there are traits of individual character that are not congenital that are inimical to one's soul and to everybody around about us; than these expressions of discontented disputations, and irresistible contentiousness.

They are to be avoided, for the sake of doing it well, and for the sake of those who are bound to make it at their further extremity. These boats were taken down through the canals to the Chesapeake, one of them being lost on the way, and has either reached the coast of South America or the West Indies, and is estimated to be worth \$10,000.

THE SAILORS' STIKE.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—About 60 sailors, who are on strike, marched to Greenwich Point today. The captain of the Theresa Wolf, loading with coal for Charlestown, feared that the men intended mischief, because he had shipped a crew at reduced rates, communicated with the police authority to preserve the safety of the vessel, and when the men had dispersed, they had only called to inquire when the vessel would start out, and whether a crew had been shipped.

ROBBERS OF RAILROAD TICKETS.

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—The Boston and Lowell and Eastern Railroad Companies for some months past have been on the track of persons who have been engaged in stealing their passenger tickets. The Boston and Lowell Company, it is said, estimate their loss at \$6,000. James A. Remick, diamond dealer, has been fined \$100 for receiving tickets from conductors. Further developments are expected.

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